(c) whether it is also a fact that these drugs became costly with the connivance of higher authorities in his Ministry; and

(d) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE) (a) to (d) The Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1995 does not make any distinction between Life Saving drugs and other drugs. As per the present Pharma Pricing Policy, the 74 bulk drugs specified in the First Schedule of the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1995 (DPCO, 95) and the formulations based thereon are under price control and their prices are fixed/revised by the national Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA), as per provision of Para 7 of DPCO, 95, which are quite transparent giving little scope of connivance at any level. In case, there is any violation of the approved/notified price of a Scheduled formulation, action is taken under the provisions of the DPCO, 95.

Prices of non-Scheduled formulations are fixed by the manufacturers themselves keeping in view the various factors like cost of production, marketing expenses, R&D expenses, trade commission, market competition, product innovation, product quality etc., the NPPA monitors the prices of medicines as per monthly Retail Audit Reports of ORG-IMS Research Pvt. Ltd. The Government takes corrective measures where the public interest is found to be adversely affected.

Fertilizer production

1212. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAlAH: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of fertilizers produced in the country during the last three years, unit-wise;

(b) the subsidy sanctioned and given to the manufacturing units during the said period, unit-wise;

(c) the total quantity of fertilizers imported during the said period; *

(d) whether some private trading companies were also allowed to import fertilizers; and

(e) if so, the details of quantity and subsidy distributed to these non-manufacturing fertilizer companies during the said period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE): (a) The total quantity of fertilizers in terms of the nutrients *i.e.* Nitrogen (N) and Phosphat (P) produced in the country during the last three years, unit-wise is as per Annexure. [See Appendix 207 Annexure No. 4]

(b) Tho subsidy given to the manufacturing units during the last three years, unit-wise, is as per Annexure *[See* Appendix 207 Annexure No. 4]

(c) The total quantity of fertilizers imported during the last throe years is as follows:—

Qty. in lakh MTs.

Year	DAP	MOP	Urea
2002-03	3.70	25.32	Nil
2003-04	7.34	25.79	Nil
2004-05	6.44	34.09	6.41

(d) and (o) Yes, Sir. Some non-manufacturing private trading companies were also allowed to import fertilizers. The details of the quantity and subsidy distributed to them during the last three years is given in the Statement.

Statement

Quantity (In MTs) and amount of concession (In Rs. Lakh) paid to non-manufacturing private trading companies on sales of imported DAP, MOP & Urea during the last three years

Name of Company	Year-wise quantity & amount of concession paid on sales of imported DAP					
	2002-03		2003-04		2004-05	
	Quantity	Amount	Quantity	Amount	Quantity	Amount
IPL	140741.27	2377.40	231620.3	3707.72	50452.22	1974.38
Cargill	78800.25	1297.07	J27646.7	2397.20	231224.55	8628.96
MMTC	386.62	6.55	371.55	7.48	0.00	0.00

Name of Company	Year-wise quantity & amount of concession paid on sales of MOP					
	2002-03		2003-04		2004-05	
	Quantity	Amount	Quantity	Amount	Quantity	Amount
IPL	1044761.32	32087.32	1069358.72	27168.37	1536642.34	80609.18
PCTL	1871.88	59.43	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
MMTC	20844.90	644.93	13785.95	241.47	5839.55	316.01

Name of Company	Year-wise quantity & amount of concession paid on sales of imported Urea					
	2002-03		2003-04		2004-05	
	Quantity	Amount	Quantity	Amount	Quantity	Amount
IPL	0	0	0	0	18500	1372

Urea under de-controlled category

†1213. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to bring urea under de-controlled fertilizers category;

(b) the benefit likely to accrue to Government as a result thereof; and

(c) by when the decision is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE): (a) to (c) Urea is presently under statutory price control and partial distribution control. There is no proposal at present to bring urea under the category of decontrolled fertilizers.

Profit margin of Pharma companies

1214. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 515 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 29th July, 2005 and state the recommendations of Sandhu Committee which are accepted and implemented and which are the recommendations not accepted and the reasons for rejecting those recommendations?

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.